

Claims

1. A process of treating a fabric with a composition comprising a pre-swollen absorbent gelling material.

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2. A process according to Claim 1 wherein said composition is a solid composition.

10 3. A process according to Claim 1 wherein said composition comprises up to 80% by weight of a pre-swollen absorbent gelling material.

4. A process according to Claim 1 wherein said pre-swollen absorbent gelling material is a pre-swollen absorbent gelling polymer.

15 5. A process according to Claim 4 wherein said absorbent gelling polymer herein is selected from the group consisting of cross-linked polycarboxylates and mixtures thereof.

20 6. A process according to Claim 1 wherein said composition is applied onto said fabric and optionally left to act onto said fabric and/or removed from said fabric.

7. A process according to Claim 1 wherein said fabric is a carpet or a hard wearing textile and fabric, e.g., upholstery, rugs, curtains.

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8. A process according to Claim 1 wherein said pre-swollen absorbent gelling material additionally comprises an activated zeolite.

30 9. A process according to Claim 1 wherein said composition comprising said pre-swollen absorbent gelling material additionally comprises a solvent.

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10. A process according to Claim 1 wherein said process comprises the steps of applying, in any order, to said fabric said composition comprising a pre-swollen absorbent gelling material and a second composition.

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11. A process according to Claim 10 wherein said second composition is a liquid or solid carpet treatment composition or comprises ingredients selected from the group consisting of: water; and polar solvents, such as ethanol, methanol, acetone; and mixtures thereof.

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12. A process according to Claim 2 wherein said composition comprising said pre-swollen absorbent gelling material additionally comprises a silica and/or a microcrystalline cellulose and/or a cellulose or a derivative thereof.

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13. A kit comprising (a) a composition comprising a pre-swollen absorbent gelling material and (b) one of the following: a cleaning composition or water.

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14. A kit comprising (a) a composition comprising a pre-swollen absorbent gelling material and (b) a set of instructions to use said composition in a process according to Claim 1.